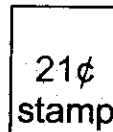


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**Comments on the Proposed Nuclear Waste Repository**

The Secretary of Energy's preliminary recommendation of a high-level nuclear waste dump at Yucca Mountain, Nevada, is premature and inappropriate. Without a Final Environmental Impact Statement, a Nuclear Regulatory Commission review, and a detailed proposal for transporting nuclear waste to Nevada, the Department of Energy lacks a basis for consideration of site suitability. The public cannot have confidence in any recommendation that arises from such a dramatically flawed process. **I urge you to abandon the Yucca Mountain Project.**

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